

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (*Canceled*)

2. (*Original*) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

an image pickup device that picks up an image of a subject and converts the image to an image pickup signal;

a display device that displays a picked-up image based on the image pickup signal outputted from said image pickup device;

a selecting device that selects at least one from a plurality of focus detecting regions on a screen of said display device;

an extracting device that extracts a focus signal from the image pickup signal in the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting device;

a focus adjusting device that carries out focus adjustment on said image pickup device based on the focus signal extracted by said extracting device;

an operating element that enables a photographer to instruct to change the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting device; and

a confirming device that confirms the at least one focus detecting region instructed to change by the photographer using said operating element when a predetermined condition is satisfied,

wherein said image pickup device is capable of picking up the image of the subject with zooming, and the predetermined condition is that a zooming operation has been started by said pickup device.

3. (*Original*) An image pickup apparatus comprising:

an image pickup device that picks up an image of a subject and converts the image to an image pickup signal;

a display device that displays a picked-up image based on the image pickup signal outputted from said image pickup device;

a selecting device that selects at least one from a plurality of focus detecting regions on a screen of said display device;

an extracting device that extracts a focus signal from the image pickup signal in the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting device;

a focus adjusting device that carries out focus adjustment on said image pickup device based on the focus signal extracted by said extracting device;

an operating element that enables a photographer to instruct to change the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting device;

a confirming device that confirms the at least one focus detecting region instructed to change by the photographer using said operating element when a predetermined condition is satisfied; and

a recording device that records the image pickup signal outputted from said image pickup device,

wherein the predetermined condition is that an operation of recording the image pickup signal has been started by said recording device.

4. (*Original*) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising an inhibiting device that inhibits an operation of selecting the at least one focus detecting region by said selecting device during the zooming operation by said image pickup device.

5. (*Original*) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising an inhibiting device that inhibits an operation of selecting the at least one focus detecting region by said selecting device during the recording operation by said recording device.

6. (*Original*) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said display device displays the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting device in a manner superimposed on the picked-up image.

7. (*Original*) An image pickup apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said operating element is an operating element selected from the group consisting of a seesaw-type operating element, a dial-type operating element, and a jog-type operating element.

8-9. (*Canceled*)

10. (*Original*) A control method for an image pickup apparatus comprising:

a display step of displaying, on a display device, an image pickup signal outputted from an image pickup device that picks up an image of a subject and converts the image to the image pickup signal;

a selecting step of selecting at least one from a plurality of focus detecting regions on a screen of the display device;

an extracting step of extracting a focus signal from the image pickup signal in the at least one focus detecting region selected in said selecting step;

a focus adjusting step of carrying out focus adjustment on the image pickup device based on the focus signal extracted in said extracting step; and

a confirming step of confirming the at least one focus detecting region instructed to change by the photographer using an operating element that enables a photographer to instruct to change the at least one focus detecting region selected in said selecting step when a predetermined condition is satisfied,

wherein the image pickup device is capable of picking up the image of the subject with zooming, and the predetermined condition is that a zooming operation has been started by the pickup device.

11. (*Original*) A control method for an image pickup apparatus comprising:

a display step of displaying, on a display device, an image pickup signal outputted from an image pickup device that picks up an image of a subject and converts the image to the image pickup signal;

a selecting step of selecting at least one from a plurality of focus detecting regions on a screen of the display device;

an extracting step of extracting a focus signal from the image pickup signal in the at least one focus detecting region selected in said selecting step;

a focus adjusting step of carrying out focus adjustment on the image pickup device based on the focus signal extracted in said extracting step; and

a confirming step of confirming the at least one focus detecting region instructed to change by the photographer using an operating element that enables a photographer to instruct to change the at least one focus detecting region selected in said selecting step when a predetermined condition is satisfied; and

a recording step of recording the image pickup signal outputted from said image pickup device,

wherein the predetermined condition is that an operation of recording the image pickup signal has been started in said recording step.

12-13. (*Canceled*)

14. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for causing a computer to execute a control method for an image pickup apparatus, the computer program comprising:

- a display module for displaying, on a display device, an image pickup signal outputted from an image pickup device that picks up an image of a subject and converts the image to the image pickup signal;

- a selecting module for selecting at least one from a plurality of focus detecting regions on a screen of the display device;

- an extracting module for extracting a focus signal from the image pickup signal in the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting module;

- a focus adjusting module for carrying out focus adjustment on the image pickup device based on the focus signal extracted by said extracting module; and

- a confirming module for confirming the at least one focus detecting region instructed to change by the photographer using an operating element that enables a photographer to instruct to change the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting module when a predetermined condition is satisfied,

wherein said image pickup device is capable of picking up the image of the subject with zooming, and the predetermined condition is that a zooming operation has been started by said pickup device.

15. (*Currently Amended*) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for causing a computer to execute a control method for an image pickup apparatus, the computer program comprising:

- a display module for displaying, on a display device, an image pickup signal outputted from an image pickup device that picks up an image of a subject and converts the image to the image pickup signal;

- a selecting module for selecting at least one from a plurality of focus detecting regions on a screen of the display device;

- an extracting module for extracting a focus signal from the image pickup signal in the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting module;

- a focus adjusting module for carrying out focus adjustment on the image pickup device based on the focus signal extracted by said extracting module; and

- a confirming module for confirming the at least one focus detecting region instructed to change by the photographer using an operating element that enables a photographer to instruct

to change the at least one focus detecting region selected by said selecting module when a predetermined condition is satisfied; and

a recording module for recording the image pickup signal outputted from said image pickup device,

wherein the predetermined condition is that an operation of recording the image pickup signal has been started by said recording module.

16. (*Canceled*)